

for, I imagine, as he lived alone;
so they arranged for him to die alone;
But in my mind there is no doubt,
as he stood while he was alive,
Duty bound, Honor bound, Unswerving in allegiance,
so he stood the day he died . . . a Rock.—
JAMES NICHOLAS ROWE,
“Five Years to Freedom,” pp. 205–206.●

HONORING DENNIS MECHEM

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to the “New Hampshire Star of Life.” Dennis Mechem has been chosen by his peers as someone deserving of the New Hampshire’s Star of Life award.

It is the thankless service of emergency medical personnel like Dennis that save so many lives in a normal day of work.

Dennis Mechem, of Rockingham Regional Ambulance, is known for his positive work ethic as well as his professionalism and demeanor toward his patients, co-workers, and other healthcare professionals. Mechem’s service doesn’t stop there, he is also a registered Maine guide and a licensed wilderness EMT.

Dennis deserves great praise for the work he does. The selfless dedication he gives to his career in serving the needs of others in their most vulnerable time is a great asset to his character. New Hampshire applauds this fine individual for a job well done.

It is an honor and privilege serving Dennis Mechem in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INTERNATIONAL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Fisher Scientific International of Hampton, NH. Marking a century of success, the company celebrated its anniversary on May 6, by ringing the bell at the close of trading at the New York Stock Exchange.

I commend Fisher Scientific for selling more than 600,000 products in 145 countries. Staying true to its mission, “In the Growth of Science,” Fisher or one of its subsidiaries has produced products, instruments, and supplies for Thomas Edison’s inventions, defense from Nazi chemical weapons in WWII, development of polio vaccine, the Manhattan Project, the space shuttle, and the human genome project. I applaud your contribution to the growth in medicine and science.

Fisher has acquired more than 30 companies, allowing it to expand and add to its growing list of products. I am pleased with your vision of a global company and foresight to move forward in the next 100 years in a similar course. I commend you for supplying safety equipment in the wake of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center and encourage your focus on safety and other medical products. Your contributions are invaluable.

Fisher continues to demonstrate why it won the Pittsburgh Award in 1947, a

prestigious award from the American Chemical Society. Fisher has influenced and shaped every aspect of our modern life and will continue to prosper and serve the people of New Hampshire with its precise and steady growth. It is an honor and privilege to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

HONORING JENNIFER SHEA

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to the “New Hampshire Star of Life.” Jennifer Shea has been chosen by her peers as someone deserving of the New Hampshire’s Star of Life award.

It is the thankless service of emergency medical personnel like Jennifer that save so many lives in a normal day of work.

Jennifer Shea, of American Medical Response, was awarded New Hampshire’s Star of Life because of her example of commitment and dedication to American Medical Response. Her serving attitude is a great source of motivation for other employees. Being a self motivator has consistently helped her move quickly to the top. It is Jennifer’s hope to continue in her education to further assist in emergency medicine.

Jennifer deserves great praise for the work she does. The selfless dedication she gives to her career in serving the needs of others in their most vulnerable time is a great asset to her character. New Hampshire applauds this fine individual for a job well done.

It is an honor and privilege serving Jennifer Shea in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4931. An act to provide that the pension and individual retirement arrangement provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 shall be permanent.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4931. An act to provide that the pension and individual retirement arrangement provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 shall be permanent.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7536. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Tech-

nology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7537. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated June 1, 2002; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; and Foreign Relations.

EC-7538. A communication from the Director, Foreign Terrorist Tracking, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Screening of Aliens and Other Designated Individuals Seeking Flight Training” (RIN1105-AA80) received on June 12, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7539. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administration of Engineering and Design Related Services Contract” (RIN2125-AE45) received on June 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7540. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Montana Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan” (MT-021-FOR) received on June 17, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7541. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7542. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Amendments to Qualified Trust Model Certificates Privacy and Paperwork Notices” (RIN3209-AA00) received on June 11, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7543. A communication from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Financing Bank Management Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7544. A communication from the Acting Director, Financial Management and Assurance, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial audit of the Congressional Award Foundation’s Fiscal Years 2001 and 2000 Financial Statements; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7545. A communication from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation’s Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7546. A communication from the Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Program: Rules and Regulations” (Doc. No. LS-02-05) received on June 17, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7547. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos